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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: GUAJIRA AMMONIA

REF: STATE 052826

1. THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (IFI) IS STUDYING TWO PROPOSALS, THAT OF INTERNATITNAL SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS, WHICH PROPOSES TO BUILD THE AMMONIA PLANT IN SPAIN AND BARGE IT TO THE GUAJIRA, AND INTERNATIONAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES, WHICH WOULD BUILD THE PLANT IN COLOMBIA. WE DO NOT HAVE THE DETAILS OF THE TWO PROPOSALS. IF EXPECTS TO MAKE A DECISION ON WHICH PROPOSAL TO RECOMMEND IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. THEIR RECOM-MENDATIONS WILL THEN GO TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL ECONOMIC POLICY COMMISSION WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. IF CONTINUES TO TALK OPTIMISTICALLY ABOUT THE PROJECT, BUT WE ARE MORE SKEPTICAL. THE MINISTER OF MINES, AND PERSONS RELATED TO THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN COLOMBIA, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECT MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE, ESPECIALLY IN THE GUAJIRA. THE MINISTRY OF MINES HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE IN MOVING MINERALS PROJECTS AND POLICIES DURING THIS ADMINISTRATION. IFI, ON THE OTHR HAND, IS NEITHER DYNAMIC NOR VERY EFFECTIVE AND ONE MUST BE GUARDED ABOUT THEIR VIEW THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE SIGNED AND SEALED BEFORE LOPEZ LEAVES OFFICE. THERE IS ONE VIEW THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE SIGNED AND SEALED BUT KILLED BY A
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